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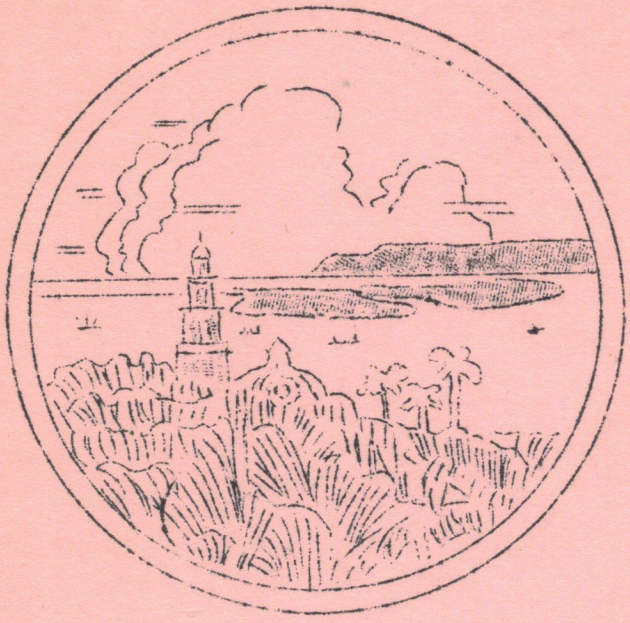

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(To uphold and diffuse the light)

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## -- CONCERNING TAO --

When the man of highest capacities hears Tao
He does his best to put it into practise.
When the man of middling capacity hears Tao
He is in two minds about it.
When the man of low capacity hears Tao
He laughs loudly at it.
If he did not laugh it would not be worth the name of Tao,
Therefore the proverb has it
The Way out into the light often looks dark,
The Way that goes ahead often looks as if it went back,'
The Way that is least hilly often looks as if it went up and down,
The Power that is really loftiest looks like ab abyss,
What is sheerest white looks blurred.
The most sufficing Power looks inadequate,
The Power that stands firmest looks flimsy,
What is in its natural pure state looks faded,
The largest square has no corners,
The greatest vessel takes the longest to finish,
Great music has the most rarefied notes,
The Great Form is without shape,
For TAO is hidden and nameless.
Yet Tao alone supports all things and brings them to fulfilment.

(Tao Te Ching. Ch.XLI)

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Such the scope of All-Pervading Power
That it alone can act through the Way.
For the Way is a thing impalpable, incommensurable.
Incommensurable, impalpable.
Yet latent within it are forms -
Impalpable, incommensurable.
Yet within it are entities.
Shadowy it is and dim,
Yet within it there is a force,
A force that though rarefied
Is none the less efficacious.
From the time of old until now
Its life-giving charge has not departed
But cheers onward the many warriors.
How do I know that this is so?
Through this deep inward knowledge.

(Tao Teh Ching. Ch. XXI)

To remain whole, be twisted! to become straight, let yourself be bent. To become full, be hollow. Be tattered that you may be renewed. Thos that have little may get more; those that have much are but perplexed. Therefore the Sage clasps the Primal Unity ... (from Ch.XXII)

# - THE VORTEX PROBLEM IN OREGON -

by

Charles J. Ryan, M.A., D.TH.
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New information concerning the existance of unusual conditions in the neighborhood of Gold Hill, near Medford, Oregon, has come to hand. I have been told, rather vaguely, that other 'vortices' exist on the Pacific Coast in addition to those claimed to be active in Grant's Pass and near Santa Cruz. The following account may be of use in supporting this rumour. It has been supplied to me by a thoroughly reliable source and I have taken pains to get the exact facts. The informnats are Mr. and Mrs. 'X.Y.', as I will call them, but their names can be given to any responsible inquirer. I have their permission to relate all the facts. Mr. X.Y. recently purchased a residence and a fair-sized acreage, mostly timbered, a few miles from Gold Hill, Oregon, and to his surprise discovered that remarkable phenomena took place in certain parts.

A natural amphitheater of about 2½ acres in area is one of these. It has a narrow stream, usually dried up, running through it, and the soil is decomposed granite about 2½ ft. deep, below which is solid granite bedrock, containing particles of gold, silver, cinnabar, and iron pyrites, but apparently no solid veins of metal. A road passes close by, and if a radio is turned on in a passing car the volume immediately drops about 80% as it approaches the spot, and a curious pulsation or vibration affects the reception. Adjacent to this rough natural amphi - theater are many trees, and according to photographs shown to me they bend toward a center, much as is claimed at the Gold Hill 'Mystery House.' Mr/ X.Y. and his wife both told me the effect was very striking and was not a photographic distortion. The amphitheater is overgrown with thick grass and brush, and contains so many rattlesnakes that it has not been fully explored. The acoustic properties are very remarkable.

The second peculiarity is apparently entirely of a psychical nature, but seems to have manifested before Mr. X.Y. obtained the estate. It is connected with a knoll, a kind of sloping piece of ground, on which Mr. X.Y. wished to plant a vineyard. But the first time he started to climb the slope he felt "a terrific repulsive force", and a voice (which may have been an inner translation of the feeling, he thinks) ordered him to go no farther and to "get out quick." He found that he could not move onward and did 'get back quick.' He tried several times after that, to get up the bank, but precisely the same thing happened each time, and he has had to find a new place for the grape vines.

On making inquiries among the old-timers of the neighborhood, he found that there was a feeling of something uncanny about the place. When asked about the knoll, one old-timer was evidently on guard immediately, for he said nothing but, "Oh, the knoll you mean?", and not a word more could be got out of him.

Mr. X.Y. told me he had taken pains to inquire of many of the old-timers at Gold Hill and they all agreed that as long as they could remember, curious events were reported from the "Mystery House".

The next thing to report is purely psychic, and seems very significant in regard to the many curious things we have recently heard from Oregon and from Mr. John at Mendocino County, California, and especially from a woman M.D. in Round Robin for March, 1947, who speaks of seeing a huge Being and a company of worshipping Indians on the desert. My story is told by Mrs. X.Y.,who has unusual psychic powers.

Not far from her home, amid a clump of large trees (bent toward each other as those already described) she sees a strange astral picture, consisting of a very tall figure, 8 or 9 ft. in height, who stands about two feet from the ground, and a group of smaller figures in the background. The large one is very stately and has a brilliant white triangle on his forehead, but he is not altogether Indian, though of an Indian type. He holds a Cross in his right hand, held up shoulder high. The whole scene is perfectly lifelike but there is no movement among the figures. At first Mrs. X.Y. saw it at night as well as by day, but she had such distressing ex - periences during the night appearance (not explained) that she avoids looking at the astral picture at night, but frequently sees it in the daytime. She can see it out of one of the windows of her home.

I have asked Mr. X.Y. to make further investigations about the bending of the trees toward each other, using pendulums and magnetic compasses and careful measurements, and more photogrpahs.

I have also heard of a small definite area on Mt. Shasta where there are no rattlesnakes although they abound everywhere else; and although the wild statements about gorgeous Indian temples and magnificent human beings living on Mt. Shasta are not evidential, there is some reason to believe that psychic lights appear on the mountain. In Ireland such lights are often seen on the mystic mountain of Ben Bulben near Sligo, etc., and also in the Welsh mountains . I expect to have some positive evidence in regard to Mt. Shasta before long.

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As an addendum to the above, Professor Ryan adds a note about a curious experienced which befell Mrs. X.Y. She was driving up a hill at Hollywood, in an abandoned realestate project. Just before reaching the top and where she could see nothing of the road over the crest, she found it impossible to continue driving and was compelled by an inner power to stop and return. The road was very narrow and she had difficulty in backing down to the high road. That night she vividly dreamed of climbing the hill as in her real experience, but did not stop, and on reaching the top saw a deep ditch into which the car would have crashed. The next day she and the friend she had been driving with went to the same place and walked up the hill. When she reached the top she saw the exact gulf seen in the dream, and it was clear that if they had continued their drive up the hill they would have almost certainly have been killed. (C.J.R.)

We are informed that 'Mr.X.Y.' is a retired officer of high standing, and that he and his wife are persons of education and responsibility. He is temporarily away from home, but persons who have serious inquiries to make, or any important items to contribute, may address Professor Carles J. Ryan, Theosophical University, Covina, Calif.

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"Have You Heard -- that right here in Southern California a new group is forming for scientific psychic investigation ...carried on along lines similar to those employed by the English researchers? It is planned to equip a laboratory with manner of device for weighing, photographing and measuring. This group is much interested in making contact with non-professional mediums, particularly in Southern California. If interested, write to Franklin Llewis, 1612 So.Grand Ave.,Los Angeles."

(Item from CHIMES, Box 157, Brea, Calif.)

Mr.Llewis, who is the Editor of Scientific Forum, and his associate Professor La Verne Twining (whose experiments are noted in Heindel's Cosmo-Conception, p.100) are good friends of Round Robin and have observed several of the Mark P. seances. They are highly competent investigators and we wish them every success in their enterprise.

# SOME PROBLEMS, AND MISSING DATA

by

Max Freedom Long
(Fellow of the Huna Fellowship)

We are not yet ready to try to revalue the materials of Huna and other psycho-religious systems used in healing and the production of psychic phenomena.

The findings are not yet complete. The data are not all in , and it is necessary to see if, working under the partly reconstructed Huna system, we can begin to duplicate the works of the Kahunas. We cannot apply fact-finding methods in a scientific way to things not yet admitted to be facts, and not at all recognized as materials of modern science, although very much a part of a workable scheme of the Kahunas and others (who had a set of beliefs and theories which were sufficiently in line with facts to enable them to produce excellent and consistent results).

Fortunately, we moderns have learned to produce some of the phenomena common to Huna, and - while unable to explain the mechanisms behind the activities - still get results. The list of duplications of phenomena common to Huna includes: telepathy, mind-reading, psychometry, crystal gazing, seeing the future in visions, sensing the future in premonitions, the use of forms of suggestion of mesmeric and hypnotic kinds, and of a kind not yet recognized by psychology but which we can demonstrate in magnetic pulls, etc., the production of spiritualistic types of psychic phenomena, with apporting, materialization, and transportation. Also, the complex has been postulated and drained off.

In the field of theory, the old and new match fairly well at a few points, particularly in postulating two forms of consciousness in man, conscious and subconscious. The Kahunas counted three forms of vital force - we count two and suspect more. The Kahunas recognized three invisible bodies connected with man. We are still debating auras, etheric doubles, and bodily magnetic fields. Modern science has hardly begun its approach to this part of the problem.

Up to the turn of the century the easy and popular way to 'explain' such things as the phenomena and the several units now presented in the rediscovery of Huna, was to deny the validity of the phenomena and class all the beliefs of the producers of the phenomena as 'inventions' of savages who had been unable to give better explanations of them.

Houdini was a shining example of this school of thought. He even denied the phenomena of hypnosis to his dying day. A slightly more progressive school was represented in the Frazier Golden Bough practise of accepting all phenomena pro - duced by savages, but tossing native theories out the window, so that their every rite and practise could be explained as originating in 'fertility' rites. While many university men and numberless laymen still quote Houdini and Frazier, the old order passeth - and fast.

To deny the phenomena of the Kahunas is to deny the whole of psychic phenomena, and even our boldest reactionaries seem now to hesitate to do that. To deny all chance of verity to the nine elements in man (excluding the tenth, the body) would entail denial of all human consciousness, vital force, and invisible bodies. Hugo Munsterberg's cry, "The story of the subconscious can be told in three words: there is none," is now as faint as Dr. McDougall's Frazier-like assertion that the native idea of 'power' was an invalid 'invention'. Late in his life Dr. McDougall accepted the facts of psychic phenomena after years of denial. He postulated two separate and independent entities, or more, in explaining multiple personality, and

he even read my first book on Huna, Recovering the Ancient Magic, called it to the attention of Dr. Rhine, and sent me warm words of encouragement through a mutual friend, the daughter of a famous Oxford professor. (She was the one who introduced him at first hand to psychic phenomena).

While we are experimenting to see if Huna will work in Western hands - whether its theories be right or wrong - new data appear, and yesterday's conclusions about Huna have to be changed. My Huna pamphlet is already out of date in some ways, and my new full book, now on the presses, may need additions and corrections before the ink is dry.

Take the manas of Huna. Libet and Gerard of the University of Chicago found that in the tissue cells of the human body there built up what seemed to be electric charges, each as small as the millioneth part of a volt, but each leaping like a lightning-discharge to other cells with a million-volt potential, causing waves of discharges. Yale men made similar measures and found no charge above the 500 micro-volt level. I, who make no pretense of being versed in electricity, tried to decide what potential would be necessary to explain telepathic sendings along invisible aka threads (the Huna idea) as far as from London to Australia and without too great a weakening of power. Because I had no way of knowing whether or not the aka thread is a perfect conductor, or whether aka and mana joined to form a living and superactive - or even conscious - form of substance, I could be certain of only one thing (and not too certain at that). This was, that if the high mana was used by the High Self to reduce parts of a broken bone to its invisible (ectoplasmic?) form, and then to make it again solid in the unbroken mold furnished by the aka body mold of the broken part, that called for a potential of the atom-smashing level, what-ever that may be.

Dr. Condon found in his atom-smashing experiments with the cyclotron, that it took a force of 1,856,000 volts to shoot a bullet of 'hearts of hydrogen atoms' at lithium and knock off a fragment to transmute it to beryllium. He found that when an atom of uranium was split into approximate halves, each half had an energy of about 75,000,000 volts. And it must be remembered, this splitting and transmuting did not change solid substances to an invisible or ectoplasmic form. As Pryse sug-gests, the voltage required for this purpose may be incredibly high.

My estimate is, that the unihipili, in sending a telepathic message along an aka thread, may exert a force ranging from zero to ten million volt potential, micro- or in terms of millioneths of volts. The High Self may use a potential so high that the force may approach the nature of light. Your guess is as good as mine, and it is each man for himself. I doubt, however, that an exact measurement of potentials will help us to get on with the instant healing much sooner.

Take the studies being conducted by the dowsers and reported in their journal Radio-Perception (British). They are hot on the trail of the radiations from sub-stances and the flow of electrical forces in the body. The Kahunas gave their idea of active-passive (or, as we put it, positive-negative) of mana in the roots ma and na. This force did not radiate of itself - a very important point - but had to be intimately associated with the shadowy body substance or aka before the radiation feature came into play. The roots of aka are a and ka, the first translating "of or to, in relation to motion," and, "fire, or to burn". The second root translates "to radiate, to go out from the center; to bail water." (Water was the symbol of mana and to move water, as in abiling out a canoe in the shape of a radiation from the canoe as center, connects the idea of mana and aka union). The root ka with an additional a to make kaa, has the meaning of a thread, cord or string, connecting the idea of radiation with the aka thread activated in telepathy and psychometry.

One writer in R-P, a medico, has decided from his experiments (not armchair studies) that earth radiations are picked up by the feet and legs and that these radiations meet those radiating downward from the head. He writes: "At the same rate at which the mind gets dull so do the earth radiation antennae (spots in the feet and legs) reduce the intake of the rays from the earth."... "How are these

earth currents carried through the body? Is the blood the carrier, or are they conveyed through the etheric body? " In this last question he comes directly home to the Huna idea that the shadowy body is the common denominator of most of the forces active in the body, used in telepathy, or used in psychometry.

Another doctor writes in R-P: "On anatomical and bio-physical grounds it can be argued that nerves are equipped to carry an electrolytic impulse current, a high-frequency oscillation and a dialectric current through the continuous lipoid - sheath."

So the dowsers also present problems in the phenomena they produce. If a savage hunts water with a willow-wand, and digs to find it, that may be "superstition." But when the British army had to rest the success or failure of the African campaigns on the ability of its dowsers to find water along the line of march, that was something else again.

Perhaps we shall be ready in another hundred years to make a semi-final evaluation of Huna and related systems - but not now.

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(Odds and ends of comment: In RR #7,Sept.-Oct., Mr. E.C. Krieger gave us "Comments on the Mechanics of Huna", with special attention to the electrical measurements involved, and to the concept of energy or force. Mr. Long's article, foregoing, gives an indirect reply to many of these questions...We measure electrical currents with respect to "quantity", rate of flow, and "pressure" or e.m.f. The respective units are the coulomb, the ampere, and the volt. In the name of semantics, we cannot accept Mr. Krieger's reference to a "current understood as a flow of volts."... nor, equally, Mr. Long's "charge as small as a millioneth of a volt but discharging with a million-volt potential." How can these things be?!! But, will the RR editor never learn, not to stick out his neck in the presence of expert hatchet-men! .... Referring to picking up of earth radiations by the feet, compare our extracts from Karel Weinfurter on the letter mantrams, in Flying Roll Gamma II (Sept.), p. 18. The "centers" in the feet are recognized, tho little used, in certain healing practises; many healers hesitate to stimulate them, since there is little information as to their power and function.... The doctrine of the AKA threads, curiously enough, was found completely acceptable to the communicators at the Mark P. seances... By coincidence perhaps, the "vision" of the "machinery of the universe" on the "terrible 32nd Path" of the Otz Chiim often shows the depths of space as filled with an infinity of moving and interlocking rays... With reference to dowsing, the seance communicators have asserted that the rod or twig is useful only as a focus of consciousness, and that the bare hand will do as well - and there is testimony to this among dowsers (and see Dr. Cross's Cavalcade on this point).... The whole subject of radio-perception, or radiesthesia is undergoing an astounding development, of the utmost importance, and yet is so little known that RR has hesitated even to comment on it. But along with the development of communication with the excarnate, radiesthesia is probably the most important research of our times .... Mr. Long's new book, dealing with the whole field of psychic phenomena interpreted from the Huna standpoint, should be on sale shortly after the New Year. It is a must for every student of Huna - and for everyone who wishes to keep abreast of contemporary studies in psychism and the healing Arts. Reserve a copy thru RR, or address Max Freedom Long, 702 No. Cherokeee Ave.,Los Angeles 38. An order for a friend would make a fine Christmas gift.

And since another Christmas is already at our throats - how about a trial subscription to RR as a gift? (The average 'Xmas gift is a trial, anyway!). 12 issues, $3.00; 10 issues, $2.00: 3 issues, $1.00. Something different - annoyances not to be obtained elsewhere.

# FLY, LOKAS - FLY!

## (Compendium on the Flying Discs - 3rd Article)

Flaming Plane"? Many reports were received by the Coast Guard at San Diego, of a flaming object which fell into the sea, apparently off this part of the coast; it was also reported,however, from as far north as Santa Barbara. A check of airports and lines failed to reveal any missing plane, and the Griffith Park Observatory discounted the idea of a meteor, though making no positive statements. (Sou. Calif. papers of 9-20-47).

Flaming object:- exploded over Mexican territory, s.e. of El Paso, Oct. 10-11.(?) Left a "vast cloud of smoke. An amateur astronomer felt "almost sure it was a fireball meteor.

"Something over Bay area" - At least five west coast residents reported they had seen the "biggest celestial thing since Haley's comet soar thru the sky early Sunday, about 7 hrs. before the flying object exploded near El Paso... About 12:30 a glowing object was seen in the northeast "about the size of the front end of a four-motor plane viewed from below at an altitude of 6000 ft.". It was "moving at terrific speed westward and left no trail." It has a nucleus "strongly fluorescent, diffused to the outer edge; it looked like Saturn with a ring around it, but it was definitely not a meteorite"... "I have photographed the heavens many times and I know a meteorite when I see one....the object travelled in a straight line and did not drop toward the horizon." The quotes are from Mr.Ben Dobus, an Oakland photographer. About the same time Emmett McMenamin, Clerk of Monteray Co., and two companions, saw"a very large celestial object moving southwest over the Monteray peninsula; it had a reddish glow and a fiery tail." (San Diego Tribune of Oct. 14).

Yellow Ball over Toronto Two residents of Toronto saw and photographed an object "appearing as a yellow ball with a tail streaming out behind it like vapor behind an airplane on a misty day." The photo - graph showed an oval white spot trailing two long milky streaks of light. (Toronto dispatch of Sept.20).

Swedish cigars? The newspaper Aftonbladet declared mysterious cigar-shaped missiles were seen flying high over the city of Hudiksvall in northern Sweden, at noon on Oct. 7. The objects emitted a sound similar to a motor noise and streaks of fire from the tail...they came from the north and disappeared at slow speed in the southwest. (Stockholm AP Oct.7).

"Proof" on the Flying Saucers- Under this caption the Chicago Daily Times of Sept.27 writes up the activities of Ray Palmer, Editor of Amazing Stories. Palmer has many photographs, bits of a flying disk, testimony and affidvaits of many reputable eye-witnesses, and many records of similar phenomena during past years... One Fred. Christman, who runs a private harbor patrol off Tacoma, Wash., told Palmer that six flying disks circled above him last June, that an explosion took place on one of them, and that about 20 tons of "stuff" fell from the sky immediately afterward; part of it stove in the cabin roof of his boat. An army plane carrying some of this 'stuff' east "crashed under mysterious circumstances and killed its pilots". (Note: we have information that there was also a mysterious passenger who was not killed but who has since disappeared). "Under analysis" says Palmer "the stuff showed traces of 16 elements and a very high content of calcium. Looks like congealed slag from a blast furnace, and as tho it had been cast in a molten state onto a semi-plane surface ... he believes that the Ca compound was cast onto the upper surface of the disk as a protection against cosmic

ray radiation at high altitudes. Calcium is used as a trap for radiactivity. One of his photographs, according to Palmer, taken at Phoenix, Arizona, June 24, shows 3 hovering disks with holes like doughnuts. This appeared in one Phoenix newspaper but thereafter vanished from the news (!). Kenneth Arnold, who first reported the disks, bought an expensive camera and went hunting them again, in self-defense. He made 150 ft. of movie film - and the FBI confiscated it... Palmer scoffs at the notion that the disks are Russian devices - he points out that he has proof that exactly the same manifestations were seen in 1910 at Clearwater, Oregon - long before anyone began to worry about the Russians.

Prior to the abvoe menticned article, the Chicago Sunday Times of August 3 printed an article entitled "Link Sky Metal to Mystery Blast." The blast is said to have occurred on (or over) Murray Island, off the Washington coast, June 24 (this is the one in which the patrol boat was damaged). At the instance of Ray Palmer, Kenneth Arnold flew from Boise to Murray Island, obtained photographs, interviews, specimens of the metal, part of which was analyzed at the University of Chicago... On Friday Aug.1 a meeting was held, attended by Arnold, a Capt. Smith, United Airlines pilot who had seen some of the disks over Boise; two B-25 flyers assigned by the AAF to work on all reports of flying objects; persons who were aboard the pilot boat, "and other witnesses." The two army investigators (FBI ?) obtained pictures, affidavits, and specimens. The meeting broke up at 12½30 a.m.

"The next thing known of the two B-25 flyers is that their plane crashed near Hamilton Field, outside San Francisco" (flying weather is said to have been perfect) Authorities at the airfield admitted the flight to McChord Field, outside Tacoma, where the conference was held, and that the plane was carrying "unclassified cargo" which was "very hot stuff."

(We quote these old reports, because they will be new to many readers who did not happen to see the two issues of the Chicago Times - and because from this time on reports of the disks became very rare. This was partly due to the fact that the disks themselves were being gradually withdrawn to other parts of the globe, and partly, it is believed, to an informal censorship. But the Times account is factual and conservative, and has never been challenged by any of the laughing jackasses who have made such sport of the whole Loka business. The data referred to and implied in these articles alone, is formidable and must be reckoned with by any honest investigator; to it might be added scores of other reports of responsible persons. We repeat what RR has said from the first: there is not the slightest doubt as to the obje ctive reality of these craft. The question is solely that of their origin, significance, and intent.

On this question, the "theory" of Russian origin is preposterous in the light of all available facts and all intelligible reasoning; furthermore, the previous appearances of such craft, cited by Ray Palmer above and well-known to students of of such 'outlaw' happenings, should dispose of the notion of Russian origin de - finitely and finally. Also, there is a long list of appearnces of strange flying objects, which nevertheless did not resemble the Lokas in appearance. Either the Russians are responsible for these too, or else we have two or more problems instead of one. The opinion of this writer is, that most of these visitors, perhaps all of them, come from the same source in the etheric worlds, and that the Russians have nothing whatever to do with any of them.

Perhaps the time has come to speak of a conceivable alternative - though it is one which the RR Editor cannot consider seriously, partly from lack of data, and largely because of his present confidence in facts stated by the seance controls. It was suggested by the occultist FGH, some time back, that these 'saucers' or Lokas might be craft constructed by the Ancients and preserved in underground caverns, and now brought out for the training of crews against the time of coming war. Before rejecting this too hastily, we should take certain relevant facts into

consideration. Note, for what it may be worth, the following bit of dialogue at a recent Mark P. seance:

(Question): We keep getting bits of alleged information, along with many stories, theories and conjectures, about vast caverns in the earth, a "hollow earth", and about people who inhabit them. I am not referring at all now to the matter of the 'Deros' and their caves, but to an alleged underground race, culture and civilization, and to the alleged openings into our globe at the poles, and the flow of the Gulf Stream and the Japanese current into these. There is a hopeless overlay of fiction about all this, but also a very awkward body of unexplained happenings - plus the fact that great areas of the polar regions are still unexplored and even unseen as yet, in spite of our 'mastery' of the air. It is even said that the people of these regions are similar in height to the so-called ethereans, who are believed to be back of the business of the saucers. Have you any comment?

Reply by the trance Control "Mr.X.":

It might be a fine thing if your scientists would stop inventing means of killing each otherlong enough to do some real exploring. Certainly there are vast underground caverns. Yes, they are inhabited by a race of people - and I am not referring to the Deros, The Deros are plentiful and especially under Japan and parts of Asia. But before I go on talking on this subject I shall have to make inquiries to find what can be told.

Question: Do you have to get permission or advice before giving us information?

Answer: There are Orders and organizations on this side, such as the White Brotherhood you were talking about. Information which is not adapted to the mental capacities and needs of your people, or which may do harm, is wisely withheld ....

Add also the following items: The famous medium Valiantine had for a guide a spirit named Bert Everet, who used to deliver half-hour lectures in full materialized form. His main topic, during Valiantine's stay in Minneapolis at least, was "the Land beyond the Barrier" - millions of people dwelling on the other side of the northern ice barrier. --- Some years later an explorer (McMillan?) lectured in the same city, and told of information he received from the museum at Bergen, about the mysterious disappearance of a Norwegian settlement in Greenland. Investigation at the alleged site in Greenland revealed old stone houses, and also Eskimo stories, to the effect that the whole colony had removed toward the north. They had been seeking a more favorable location, and one of their number, returning from the North, had reported a warm land. -- A small book called The Smoky God, published by a Mr. Emerson in Los Angeles, tells the story of one Olaf Jonsen, who with his father adventured far north, came in contact with a race of people of giant stature, was allowed to live with them in the earth's interior. "The crust of the earthis 300 miles thick, and in the middle of that crust is a magnetic layer that binds both you and us to the respective surfaces"... Eventually the two men emerged at the south pole - the only exit, Olaf was picked up by a whaler, told his story and got hiself shut up in an asylum for many years. Prior to his death in California he wrote out his story and gave it to his one friend, Mr. Emerson. (We almost wish this Poesque tale could be proved to be all fiction). -- There is at least one book, tho we cannot quote the title, dealing with the tangible evidences for a warm land in the north, and of course the idea of a 'hollow earth' has not only been excellent fiction material but has been and is yet seriously maintained by various cults. -- No sane investigator desires to be gulled, neither does he want to gull himself thru an iron determination not to

believe the improbable. Whether the 'will to believe' does any more damage than the will-not-to-believe, is a highly moot question.

Our point in relating all this is obvious. IF such a civilized race exists on our own planet, it is the part of common sense to reckon with it as a possible source for the Lokas (disks). -- We have said nothing at all about the world-wide belief in subterranean peoples, a subject which Professor Ryan treated most competently in the last RR. It is going much too fast to assume that the existance of the 'Deros' explains all such belief and exhausts the subject. The legends of Agharti are not so simply disposed of, and a considerable bibliography could be compiled on the whole matter.

In discussing the matter of "Mars messages", the communicator remarked that while messages had been sent and received, they probably did not come from Mars, but from one of the 'dark planets' or 'dark stars' of our solar system. Here too is a possible place of origin for the flying disks.

We recommend this last point to the attention of the Chicago Rocket Society. This organization has announced its tentative attitude. The disks, we are told, (1) are either objectively real or they are not. (There can be no question about their reality). (2) They are either terrestial in origin or they are not. (But the hypothesis of their secret construction by Russia or any other Power is fantastic). (3) We must accept them as real and of non-terrestial origin..."The critical evidence is the odd shape, completely unadapted to known means of propulsion, and their extreme speed (1000 MPH)... Russia is the only other nation engaged in active research of this type, and politics indicate plainly that the USA is the last place the discs would show themselves."... "We might point out that a non-earth reconnaisance would behave much like the observed discs. They would avoid our common population centers, not knowing which were safe or important,and use as bases attractive areas (water, forest)... To those who say ridiculous we merely hark back to 1940 when we mentioned atomic power, which was greeted in the same way." (Rocket News Letter, August '47. 91 Pine Ave.,Riverside, Ill.).

This is admirable commonsense, of course; our objection is only to the rascally tertium quid or Third Somehwat that lurksjust around the corner. For, to the Rocket Society at any rate, a genuine air or space-craft, not of earth-manufacture, can come from only one source, viz., one of the planets of our solar system. The existance of the dark planets or suns, perhaps much closer than any visible planet, is msot likely quite outside of the CRS speculation. So, too, the possibility of the storage or manufacture of the discs within the earth. Particularly and especially 'so too' is the repeated assertions of the seance communicators, that the discs are of etheric construction - that is, manufactured by inhabitants of the etheric plane (not the astral), which are not separated from our earth at all in an spacial sense, but only by the vibratory rate of its substance - just as invisible as air or live steam or gravity or an electromagnetic field, and no whit less real, and completely knowable if our sensory apparatus were adapted to it. Probably all existance on our plane of dense matter, 'materializes' out of the etheric. A plant, for example, is a materialization of a force focalized in the heart of the seed, which fills in an etheric patterner design or mould which preexists invisibly; for this reason the plant breeds true to its kind, and cabbage seed does not bring forth oak-trees, or even a new variety of cabbage... We hear our rocketeer friends remarking at this point, that such twaddle may do well enough for the simple-minded but has nothing scientific about it -- to which we humbly reply that there are some thousands of books bearing on this subject, of/ everyone should read one or two and that our knowledge of anything which is a string-ball big as the cosmos.

A considerable amount of alleged information about the discs comes in from various psychic sensitives throughout the country, sometimes from persons who have not read any of the Round Robin explanations. These differ somewhat, but so far only in minor details; with one single exception all psychics who have communicated with RR affirm that the discs have a non-terrestial origin, and none of them

attribute any evil intentions to the visitors. In at least one case the assertion is made that the discs do not carry crews or pilots, but are under remote control of a type not understood by us, and transmit all observational data by automatic radio apparatus. The Mark P. communicators have said that some of the discs, presumably the larger ones, carry a crew or an operator, and that other are under remote control, from a base or from the lead-plane of a flight, accounting for the perfect synchronization of movements. The communicator to Anne Howard says:

> "The source is not so far away as it may seem to you... They are not controlled by radio but by beams of high frequency which are directed to these units thru the ether. They are manipulated thru a "transmit" or"transmission" board. They do not return to their source because (1) they are not needed (2) they cannot return thru a curtain of intense natural (psychic) energy without disintegration... all data is destroyed in this process, but it has already been recorded at the source." They 'get here' the Communicator continued "by transmitting matter thru matter in infinitesimal amounts" (which might be equivalent to 'materialization'). "The material of the one I saw" (the red disc over Switzerland) "was not such terribly hard stuff. It looks brittle and breaks with a sharp straight edge. It burns, it seems, from a white heat set up by the wires, which burn out in 22-24 hours. Perhaps that is why no Lokas have been found - the smaller ones, at any rate, are simply non-existent," (have been burned).

The opinions of this communicator appear to be founded on his observation of the red Swiss Loka only; it is quite conceivable that some of the discs may be designed for self-destruction, while others may carry one or more operators and have means of returning to their point of origin. ("I don't get this at all" says Anne H., "you figure it out!") During the last two years the present writer has had a sufficient number of reports concerning this communicator, to justify, in his opinion, the following quotations:

> "The discs do not now carry crews, because this is the wrong time; they would be unwelcome - and what good could they do?
> "They haven't landed except to break up; they just keep going.
> "Screw development plus atomic generation are the principles involved.
> (I get a battery which generates power and which is held by clips to the inner side of the Loka. Anne H.)
> No, these people have never lived on your earth and have no desire to. They have a much fairer land of their own. They have had much enjoyment in developing this enterprise, and could bring yours the finest ideals of life (sic) if they wished to.
> You are correct about the size but I would say that none of them are much larger than the half-mile measure. The ones over Sweden have been very small.
> Your theory of atomic propulsion is approximately true, but the screw development is the real meat in the venture (There is some talk of Graham getting better results by 'pushing one of his theories up several notches', Anne P.)
> The communicator also says 'they have tried to transfer certain seeds (to our plane) and that they have succeeded in the West (Colorado). Watch for seedlings of a new sort in dry, arid parts of this state.

These statements are said by the psychic Anne H.,not to originafe with her 'regular' communicator, but with another person brought in by him, who is a frequent attendant at the Mark P. seances in San Diego; she has been able to give a good personal description of him, as he appears to her 'vision.'... Our readers will understand that we report 'spirit communications' whenever we feel a considerable measure of confidence in them, but of course can offer no 'guarantees' of veridicality. A factual and objective phenomenon is involved here, possibly of

supreme importance to the human race - and the human race so far has greeted it with jeers and guffaws of laughter. And among those who acknowledge the genuineness of the happenings not a single 'normal' intelligent and intelligible explanation has appeared. Nor is there any hope that the innumerable jackasses who continue to bray about 'spots before your eyes' will ever try to deal with the factual data, or even admit its existance except by force majeure. If then, as some of us well know, there are sources of information of a supernormal or paranormal sort, we propose to avail ourselves of them, tho with due caution and reserve. We know that we shall make many mistakes, and experience teaches that our friends on the 'other side' make them also; that however is the condition and penalty of the search for truth, and the road to its attainment in some measure --

Amid all the ignorance, stupidity and derision there are clear signs that some people have grasped the basic facts. We call attention to a most remarkable article appearing in Fantastic Adventures for November 1947, in the form of a letter from one Alexander Blade - a person unknown to the RR Editor, and who does not answer letters. It is thrown into the form of an imagined address by our invisible visitors, whom we call Ethereans -- The title, SON OF THE SUN.

> 'We are already here among you ... some of us have always been here... we have been confused with the Gods of many world religions ...we were known in ancient Egypt ...your ancestors knew us as preceptors and friends... You have lately achieved the means of destroying yourselves ... if you employ this to establish a millenium upon earth, as you can do, you will be the first civilization to do so ... we are among you, and you will know it before very long ... you have met us in your streets without knowing it, but when we flash thru your skies in the ancient traditonal vehicles you are amazed, and if you tell what you have seen you are accounted dupes and fools ... nearly all of the varied appearances are actually the same type of vehicle ... a material like plastic, almost transparent and very strong... in the center of the discus, a control room which revolves freely for flat or edgewise flight ... they appear torpedo-shaped, or disk-like, or as spheres, or at night with jet-slits glowing, like oragne-colored globes ... you must become accustomed to them ... one day they will be familiar, friendly and reassuring sights ... if you fail, as other civilizations have failed, we will see your descendants wearing wiring diagrams as amulets or religious symbols ... Such is the cycle of forgetfulness -- ' *

The whole concept set forth by this writer conforms to the ideas given thru the communicators at the Mark P. seances, so far as the latter go; they have not yet touched much upon the relation of the ethereans with past cultures and civilizations of our plane.

What is truly meant by the crossroads of humanity, the 'end of the epoch', the 'turning point of history' is now beginning to appear. It is taking a form few of us have even dreamed of - a form beyond the comprehension of all contemporary religions, of philosophy, and of current scientism. The problem of racial survival is becoming defined -- but it is not, one fears, a problem which the mentality of our race can grasp. The result of this impasse will be an unparalleled destruction; the fate of the survivors may perhaps be known to the historians of ten thousand years hence...Our one hope is, that events move slowly and under the guidance of a God-like wisdom -- and for this hope there seems to us little justification... In such thoughts as these we may be deeply and happily wrong, but we write them because at this hour they seem to us true.

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* The article summarized would run to three pages of RR if quoted in full. (Credit Mrs.M.A.Van der Spek,Manhattan Beach,Calif,for clip)

# I N  M E M O R I A M

## Harry La Verne Twining

Our Friend and brother, Harry La Verne Twining, entered upon the new life on the 14th of October, 1947, being at that time 82 years of age. He was a native of Milton, Wisconsin, where his father was President of Milton College. He attended high school at Monroe, Wisconsin, learned telegraphy and worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. He came to California, joined the army during the Spanish-American war , and emerged as a 1st Lieutenant. On his re - turn to Los Angeles he became head of the department of Physics and Electricity at the Polytechnic High School, retaining the position for over thirty years. At the time of his decease he was asscciate Editor of the Scientific Forum, edited by Franklin Llewis at 1621 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

Professor Twining was deeply interested in psychic and spiritistic phenomena and conducted many personal experiments along these lines. He also experimented with the spontaneous generation of life and the transmutation of metals, and achieved results well in advance of the scientific work of that time. He was distinguished as a mathematician and a frequent contributor to mathematical publications. The readers and Editors of this publication have special cause to regret his passing, because of his help and active interest in the experimental seances conducted at San Diego.

Our brother was highly esteemed for his kindly nature, his un - failing good humour, his humanitarian principles and upright and honorable life. But as he himself has already told us, all regret is but for the temporary drawing of the veil; in all other ways he has entered upon a fullness of life and action heretofore impossible to him. We give him Hail and Farewell, for a little time. He will continue to uphold and spread abroad the Light.

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(For the FIRST COMMUNICATION from Professor Twining subsequent to his decease, turn to the following page )

## - Where is Thy Victory? -

Professor Harry LaVerne Twining awakened from the sleep of this life on the 14th of October. He had long been convinced, through experiments of his own devising, of the reality of survival and communication, and had often told his friend, Editor Franklin Llewis, that he would make every possible effort to communicate through any available channel. At a seance held October 25, in San Diego, the control Lingford (well-known to many of our readers) remarked:

> There is an old man here who wants to come in. He came to your meetings several times. He is simply hopping around with impatience to try to talk to you. Do you remember him?
>
> (Maybe it's Professor Twining. Don't you remember his name, Lingford?)
>
> Yes, I remember him all right.

The Lingford control then withdrew and someone else took possession, though apparently with much difficulty. The medium* rocked back and forth on his chair, his face was deeply contorted and tears streamed down his cheeks. For perhaps two minutes he was unable to speak, then, brokenly, uttered a few words:

> Mr - Mr - Mr L.... - tell Llewis I am all right - I am quite well. Thank God I am very allright -- this is hard to do --

The control Lingford, returning, said: "After he has been over here a while he will have some valuable information for you and Mr. Llewis. I think he will stay earthbound for a long time in order to bring through knowledge that he has gained . To be earthbound for the furtherance of knowledge is a wonderful thing."

> (But why did he weep so much?)
>
> How strange it is, that you should always think tears are a sign of sorrow only! People weep for joy as well as for grief.

On the evening of this same day the medium, Mark Probert, began hearing the same communicator by clairaudience, while in normal consciousness, and at the insistance of the voice took pencil and paper and recorded the following:

> To my dear friend and colleague Llewis: Let me say at the outset that I am well, that you need not fear for me. I feel better than I ever felt while in my physical life. I am in all but one respect glad to be free of my sick and worn-out material body, and I am sure you know that the one exception is the very substantial wall that death drops between us. Without wishing to disquiet you, this second may be my last attempt to communicate. Not that I shall not keep trying, but the difficulties are endless and vast and almost insurmountable. However, if I can break through again with any amount of intelligence I shall try to explain some of the reasons for the 99% of failures and 1% of successes in spanning the gap between these two states of consciousness. Also, I would like to talk further on the subjects we seemed to get nowhere with, such as matter and its nature, and my fond dream of transmutation. Oh, I have so much to learn yet! But there is one thing I know now for sure, and that is - I LIVE, LLEWIS! I LIVE! There is NO death! ALL IS LIFE - ENDLESS, THROBBING, PULSATING, NEVER-ENDING LIFE- LIFE!

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Thus the learned man, the 'dead man' endeth with his shout of triumph! For ourselves, knowing him and the medium as we do, we accept his message We believe we shall hear from him again - and again.

# - SELF-CONSCIOUS AWARENESS -

by

C.V.U. Etudiant **

Self-directed evolution is held out as an ideal to strive for; each attempt must be an individual one. Man's mental faculty is his highest asset, yet little do we know of its mysteries, including the sub- and superconsciousness. Living as we do in a world of thought, we are at all times exposed to thought currents and so-called mental impressions. Except for those rare thoughts through which we aspire toward our higher faculties, the images and thoughts we attract are commonly de - termined by our general attitude and habitual mental level. Just as we attract our 'own kind' of friends, of books, of environment. This process generally speaking is of an involuntary character. Nevertheless it can be directed wilfully, to be re - flected by the subconscious. It is by turning the consciousness back upon itself, that the faculties of the higher mentality can be developed and the higher and lower states of consciousness may be linked in self-conscious awareness. Passive indiff- erence to mental control is fatal to the extension of consciousness. On the other hand, mind control alone is not enoguh and must be linked to control of the emo - tions in a realization of the true ethic of all philosophy.

The more we can direct out thoughts toward higher levels, the more likely we are to 'tune in', if one prefers that phrase, to the higher, finer vibrations.

One doesn't expect to rub shoulders with high intelligences in dives and saloons; to meet with these we seek the realm of the Arts and sciences. By analogy it is not different in the unseen spheres. We attract that which is drawn to us by magnetic vibrations of a similar nature, at all times, everywhere. This is the law, exemplified in many of the teachings. The undesirable cannot penetrate the rarified atmosphere surrounding those who live in a world of beauty and noblesse.

In final analysis, each one must find the Path alone, yet must include all. However, various methods have been indicated, though not all these can be applied successfully by everyone. Knock, and a door shall be opened! Ours, is the effort to pass.

It is simple to speak about raising one's thoughts, and concentration, but not so easy to accomplish unless a more or less definite technique can be found. A valuable method may well be, to think of the beauty of the universe, both inner and outer; its range and space, especially when contrasted with man's small concerns. If we cannot commence by thinking of this in the abstract, we can let our thoughts dwell on any object of beauty, either real or imagined, which may appeal to us. To concentrate we can use this as a focus, seeing and realizing such objectsin all its possibilities and angles of manifestation. Subsequently we may focus on it in its completeness, as an entity, then use this as a 'jumping-off place' to extend consciousness. This place is the disappearing point the term laya-center connotes; the open door to a new vibration.

One will note here a similarity to the attempt to go to sleep consciously, which has been described somewhat as follows: First elevate your thoughts; then

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follow the thought process until you find your self behind it. In other words, trace back the thought to its beginning. Hold the awareness of yourself thinking, then release yourself but not your attention. Try to catch that moment when you are in an oasis of space, that is, suspended as it were. In this moment lies the prolongation of consciousness.

In this same connection one will remember the importance attached in occult literature to the last thought held before falling asleep. A lofty theme deliberately held, opens the channel for higher vibrations. We must leave our worldly affairs and emotional disturbances outside the portals of sleep. Western researchers, in their writings as a whole, have given more attention to the moment of awakening. Usually, awakening breaks all awareness of consciousness during sleep, and no memory, or little, remains of the sleeping period. As writing upon the sand of the seashore is erased by the boisterous waves of an onrolling tide, so are the records of the sleeping hours erased by the vibrations of the earth plane from the surface of the mind. It is by cultivating an instant of quietude at the moment of awakening that one may learn to bring some memory through into the wakening consciousness.

In man's search for a greater reality, he must learn to apply the suggestions found in the ageless wisdom. Only thus can he hope to extend self-awareness.

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The literature dealing with the subject of meditation is enormous, much of it very technical and difficult. We do not dare venture upon the principles Dr.C.V.U. has discussed, simply because of their range and complexity, but offer a few comments, perhaps not very closely integrated, on a much lower level of reflection.

1. There is a tendency to regard meditation as an occult or mystical practise only, hardly practicable or desirable for busy citizen of this world. But the central issue is one of attention control, which is of basic practical importance, as well as the key to all occult unfoldment.

2. The learning process depends on attention - from the child with his alphabet to the philosopher in his universe of discourse. Achievement depends on it, from the pile of toy blocks to cyclotrons and theories of statecraft. (Only in the regions of inspiration and genius is the role of attention diminished).

3. What we may call natural attention flows from interest; learning comes easy if one is interested in the subject. (A whole school of psychologists thought this was a wonderful discovery, made it the basis of a pedagogical method; simply turn all study into play and any child can learn anything!!).

4. But most of the tasks and problems of life are largely devoid of natural interest - yet have to be attended to. The concentrated attention we have to give them does not flow from interest. But attention thru an act of will produces the same results as interest-attention.

5. This last is the principle on which occult meditation depends... And in (3) and (4) we see why 'education' based mainly on natural or play-interest is almost worthless... And it is a most remarkable phenomenon, that attention control as a subject per se is almost unknown to Western pedagogy - which has tried everything else and failed in everything.

6. Active meditation, passing into receptivity, will bring enlightenment on any subject within the capacities of human thought. Attention control strengthens every power of the mind, for it is the very core of consciousness. Its 'transfer value' to the needs of the life-to-come is enormous. It is the Key to all occult techniques and to mystical experience - but it is the one basic principle for dealing with every problem of common life as well. It is capable of unlimited extension, and is within the reach of every normal mind in the degree of the will and the desire.

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# HOW TO RECOGNIZE AN INITIATE

and

Comments on Contents of Round Robin 7

by

Elder Frater F.G.H.

I would like to make a few remarks amplifying the discussion of my short essay: How to Recognize an Initiate.

1) It was written because I, in a very short span of time, encountered several who claimed to be initiates of a high order, but only had a very sketchy knowledge of things occult and even less spiritual growth; nevertheless they had collected a large following and were living off them in fine style.

2) There are many grades of initiates of different Rays, doing different work. The initiate I descfibed is one who has been accepted as a pupil and servant by one of the Seven Masters. There are only a few hundred of these in all humanity.

3) Every student is at some time given wealth and power as a test. Recent his - tory is full of such students who failed bitterly, and so did their share in leading humanity up to the great Armageddon. An advances student learns to disregard wealth and power, and if given such regards himself purely as an administrator, An initiate will never dangle wealth and power as bait before a neophyte.

4) The higher the initiate, the greater his true humility, because he is able to see such grandeur that he himself feels a pigmy in comparison. But he will also refuse to pander to the arrogance of stupidity - which to the fool may seem arrogance, but isn't.

5) A black teacher may feign friendship, but the cloven hoof will soon show itself. During the first great war one of the "staunchest fighters for democracy" and Wilson's Chief of Information was a well-known black Master.

6) An Order headed by the Brotherhood can only demand loyalty so far as special information is concerned, to keep the secret teachings in trust.

7) Hitler was anything but selfless. He is the typical example of the fool who accepts the teachings of pseudo-yogi. From the beginning he made the hoodlum the basis of his organization - although, like some of his peers, he knew how to fool decent people into believing him.

8) The path to selfish knowledge is short and fast, a steep down-grade, like every process of decay and destruction. The true path is slow because it requires improvement in quality.

9) H.P. Blavatsky became a higher initiate through her work, which was the smashing of the materialistic concept which was engulfing our western world. A battering ram is always noisy and spectacular. She is not noisy in her present incarnation.

I fully agree with the ten points made by CGB (Round Robin 7). As to TK, she was one of the truly great initiates of our time, hence the 15 points drawn from her writings contain nothing but pure knowledge and wisdom. Her work, the Harmonics of Evolution, is one of the greatest in occult literature.

The addendum by frater ML shows another aspect of the question of real growth. The God-within starts out with infinite possibility and zero capacity. Through the aeons of his growth he builds himself one tool after another with which to probe creation, and so bit by bit convert his possibilities into capacity and ability. At first his tools are so crude that he has no control over them, and it is only after millenia of effort that he is able to create the tool which we call primitive man. It is only after thousands of created personalities that he reaches the state

where he is able to construct the personality so perfect and capable that he is able to take direct control of it. This is the first great initiation, the Second Birth of all religions. Only after this does Man reach the stage where he is accepted as grown, and old enough to receive direct instruction from the Masters. But this instruction is almost never thru the physical body, as this would be a great waste of time and effort. Follow the precepts given, do the task at hand to the best of your ability. Soon the Light will begin to shine through your personality and bring illumination. Do not drown the Voice of the Silence in the clatter of mental gymnastics are arguments.

A small pearl of true knowledge and wisdom is incomparably more valuable than a mountain of non-coherent splinters and shards.

Re the Shasta story: I spent about a week at several times around Shasta, in the company of a very good clairvoyant. It is evident to me that Shasta contains the headquarters of a great Order, but that entrance is possible only on the astral. At times we found Shasta radiating a marvellous spiritual atmosphere, at other times it was completely devoid of it. But there is even more activity around Hood and Rainier, which also contain headquarters of ancient Orders. It should not be forgotten that the West, west of a line from the mouth of the Colorado to Vancouver B.C. ,ahs been part of MU, LEMURIA, and now of America, and has never been sub - merged in all this time; hence it would be a natural location for the headquarters of the old Orders. The "flying disks" tie in with this. And naturally a great number of legends grow up about such places.

I could not find anyone who had ever seen any Lemurians or the reported phenomena.

The Foo-Fighters remind me of ball lightning. From what I have seen of them and heard from reliable observers, these balls of light have a mind of their own and follow no discoverable law in their actions.*

Re seismic convulsions as predicted by Conan Doyle and others (i.e.,in forecasts collected by them), it is my considered opinion that these have been obviated by the atom bomb and other means of self-destruction. The original scheme for the cleansing of humanity was by natural destruction, such as submergences, earthquakes, plagues, and large meteors. Now humanity, as twice before, has taken the job out of the hands of the Deva races, who do not like this work anyhow. The question of "selective taking away" is not difficult to solve. Those that will be preserved will either be moved to safe places, or protected by "fortuitous" circumstances, like the doctor in the Hiroshima hospital who 'just happened' to be behind a con - crete pillar. Besides, death itself does not mean much. But the "I-people" will not only be taken away, but also will not be reborn again in this humanity.

The church in Australia, which was shattered in the dark of night, should delight orthodox preachers. Isn't it proof of a devil who gets so mad at a good church that he sneaks up in the dark and smashes it to smithereens?

Re the talking dachshund in the Bronx, have you ever heard of the Elberfeld

* The subject here referred to is an extensive one, and some of the facts were discussed briefly by Professor C.J. Ryan in RR for Jan. 1946 (pp.6-7). Fireballs near the ground will enter houses, sometimes pursue individuals, do not always follow metallic conductors, act as if endowed with intelligence; so-called will-o-wisps and lights having a directional ray often behave in a similar manner. All these phenomena may at times have a common origin, and Professor Ryan suggests that "the influence of Nature spirits is indicated." Now, the seance communicators tell us that a great variety of sky appearances, including disks, huge "planes" or craft

horses? * These animals not only did very complicated mathematical problems with such rapidity that the "scientists" with their adding machines and slip-sticks could not keep up, but also rapped out the numerical value of letters so fast in intricate discussions of philosophy that the same scientists could not follow and had to beg them to slow down. The horses did this in the presence of the owner and also in his absence. Even a blind horse, after the preliminary training, took part in these exercises. I own a German shepherd who also tries to talk at times and who understands several hundred words. (1)

The gas in Oakland, which killed the birds, had a parallel about ten years ago in Belgium, where a whole countryside was covered by a gas cloud which killed people as well.

Re "Green Grows the Glass-O" -- the first atomic war happened three million years ago and blew up MU; the traces of it are still visible all around the northern Pacific. In many parts of northern Europe are old stone fortresses which have been partially melted down by beams of intense heat (2). There are others in other parts of the world. Rock engravings in southern Sweden were made before the Ice Age. Star pictures on them gives ages of several hundred thousand years. Also recorded on them are maps of all the continents, some of them quite different in shape from the present, and prehistoric animals. In the 1880's, on a mountain top in the Dutch East Indies, a vehicle was found, made of light-metals now unknown, which could not have been anything but a vehicle of the air! Where, Oh where is our history, which tries to tell us that man has emerged out of savagery into civilization and command of the forces of Nature only during the last 200 years.?!!!

I have pretty good indications that the better writings of Shakespeare arose in the mind of Bacon. Roger and Francis Bacon, Prince Eugen, and the Count of St. Germaine are all one and the same person. He is the German Master who for centuries took an active part in the life of our western world. He has always been active in the inner circles of Masonry. The legends of King Arthur and the Round Table keep alive one phase of his activities... That Bacon was the author of the Shakspearian writings has always been known to students of the occult.... (3).

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Notes to the above: (1) Seance communicators, questioned about talking animals and similar phenomena, replied only that such an animal was an "animal genius" evolving ahead of its kind. (2) Readers of Charles Fort's Book of the Damned will recall references to the fused and melted-down walls of old fortresses. (3) The statement of Natalli was to the effect that while Bacon was responsible for the final literary form of the plays, their substance was received through the mediumship of Ludlow, whose mother's family name was Shakespeare, and that it was transmitted by a group of distinguished persons on the 'other side.'.. As to the flat statement in the last sentence above - we cannot accept this as correct,as it stands.

(M.L.)

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of various shapes, are all in the nature of experiments by inhabitants of the etheric world, who have been carrying them on for a long time - and indeed, our records of such appearances goes back for generations. The ethereans, tho said to belong to the human order of evolution, are <u>not</u> excarnate humans; they resemble us in form but are of gigantic size, and are able to materialize their constructions in the dense matter of our plane. It is quite hopeless, then, to try to discriminate between their activities and those of the Nature Spirits "proper",which are supposed to belong to a different evolutionary order. "Foo-fighters" obviously offer a problem in the same general category.

* YES!(Editor).

# - MY TRIP TO MOUNT SHASTA -

by
Major H.A.G.

(The writer of the following was a person of high occult advancement. He was a high Mason and had held office in one of America's best known Rosicrucian organizations. He was a mining engineer and at the time of my contact with him was a Major in the U.S.Army Engineers.. In 1936 he retired from the army, and died in 1938 as a result of a fall down a mountain side in California. I have no comment to make concerning the following account of his experiences upon Mt. Shasta).
H.B. Williams. *

For many years students of occultism and mysticism have heard of a colony of advanced thinkers that dwelt somewhere on the slopes of Mt. Shasta...There were rumours to the effect that they were descendants of the Lemurians, and greatly advanced in mystical lore. The writer of this articel had been a student of mystical thought for over thirty years, and his home being in California, he had made several trips to Mt. Shasta to try to locate this colony.

(In 1929, the writer continues, he became associated with a group of students in one of the central states, and in the fall of 1932 he received, by psychic or occult means, several messages directing him to go to Mt. Shasta for occult instruction. On Dec. 10 he received instructions to proceed to San Francisco. While waiting for a delayed bus in St. Louis, he was approached by a man who gave a sign of identification. After a lengthy interview he was instructed to meet a Mr. Brunnell at the Brown Hotel in Denver. From this gentleman he received an address in San Francisco, where he arrived on the 19th, and went to his own home, instead of to the address given. In a few hours he received a telephone call from an unknown person, who reproved him for "putting the carnal pleasures of seeing wife and family above the quest for information. Another interview followed, with further instructions, according to which he was to proceed to Sisson, in Shasta County).

Early on the morning of Jan. 4th I boarded the train for Sisson. Upon arrival I was met by a large man about 6 ft. 3 in. tall, who said that he had been sent for me. He escorted me to an old 1914 Ford car, we drove about 32 miles up into the mountains, where we stopped at a log cabin and were met by an elderly man almost as large as my escort, but with full beard and long hair. He bade us enter and to partake of a meal of warm corn bread, boiled potatoes, spinach, maple syrup, and oranges. I was then informed that from here on we would go by horseback, as there were no roads. The guide brought forth three horses, packed one with supplies from the rear of the Ford, saddled the other two, and we were ready. Before allowing us to mount our host asked us to kneel, placed himself in front of us, out his hand on each of our heads and gave us his blessing. This was delivered in a lan - guage I had never heard before.

While our host was speaking a peculiar sensation passed through my entire body, as though I had been subjected to a mild electric shock, at the same time I

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* Note: Mr. William's address is 2889 Sutherland Ave.,Indianapolis 5, Indiana. The RR Editor has long been in correspondence with Mr. Williams, but has no knowledge concerning Major H.A.G. Interest in the 'Shasta problem' seems to justify this additional article, but we have had to omit a large part of it dealing with occult reflections... Readers may be interested to note comments of FGH on this same subject, in his article in this issue.

felt a pleasant warm glow in the region of the solar plexus, and a slight dizziness. After the blessing we arose and rode away toward the northwest. We continued over a treacherous mountain trail for nearly six hours, when we entered a narrow canyon betwen two walls of rock, that rose perpendicularly for nearly 300 feet. This narrow passage was about 60 feet wide and half a mile long; it then opened suddenly on a beautiful valley nearly two miles wide by ten miles long. In the center of this valley was a group or village of log cabins. I afterward found that there were 52 of these houses.

I saw very few persons around, and what few there were, were all men of great stature and magnificent physique. No women were in evidence anywhere. We dismounted at one of the cabins and found four men seated around a table conversing in low tones, in the same language as that used by the man who gave us the benediction. All four arose as we entered and one stepped forward and extended his right hand, palm turned down, and in excellent English bade me welcome, and stated that for nearly a month they had looked forward to my visit. After this all four shook hands with me, and all but the one who had welcomed me withdrew thru a door into another room.

My host then asked me to be seated ... and said, "My friend, your journey has been long and you must rest before you enter upon our work. I commend you to the forces that will rebuild within your physical system the tired and abused cells. Sleep until I return to you." Scarce had he ceased speaking when my head fell back on the high back of the chair and I fell asleep. From this sleep I was awakened by feeling some one standing behind me and gently stroking my temples...It was the same person who had made me welcome to the village.

He immediately began talking to me in a low pleasant tone, telling me of the course of instruction which he said they had received orders to give me. Of this I cannot speak at present ... all I can say is, that I would receive two hours of instruction, then have half an hour for concentration and 1½ hours for rest. This routine was to be gone over four times each day for 16 hours, leaving me 8 hours for sleep. This schedule was strictly adhered to for the three days I remained among them.

I was told during my rest period that the village was called the outer village, and that the main village was up and around a bend in the canyon. No one was allowed to enter it except members of their colony, but that if my development allowed me to return for further instruction I would be allowed to visit their temple in the upper village. I would have to be blindfolded while being escorted to and from the temple... This much I can divulge concerning the lessons; that one of their underlying principles is that "Man cannot know life until he understands fully the phenomena of so-called death." To more fully understand this principle I was instructed in the Art of "so-called transition", which is, to put it simply, the knowledge of how to put yourself temporarily in a state of suspended animation. In this state the soul is really manifesting on another plane, and on its return is able to bring back its experiences.

Now as to the physical part of the life in this village. I asked my mentor if they were really descendants of the Lemurians. His reply was, that they were direct descendants of a highly developed race that lived on a continent that sank beneath the waves many centuries ago. I had noticed that my teacher looked at times like a man of middle age and at other times he seemed a very old man. I asked him how old he was and he replied, "We do not reckon life by years but by the development it has attained. I do not know my age in years, but this I know, I was an old teacher in this village when slavery was yet existing in this country."

As slavery has not been practised for over 68 years my teacher must have been nearly a hundred years old, if not more. Still, his voice and action were those of a man of 35 or 40 years. All the persons I met had either full beards or vandykes. Their hair was brown or dark brown. I did not see any gray hair while there. Nor did I see a woman, but I was informed that the real colony lived in the main village so no doubt there were women there. Their food was simple and wholesome and they

raised most of their vegetables and fruit. I did not see any animals except the three horses which brought us in, and a few sheep. I was also informed that they did some gold mining, enough to purchase what supplies were needed from the outside world. In looks they did not differ from the ordinary person except in their great stature. The only real peculiarity I noticed about them was that nearly everyone had a deep scar about an inch long in the center of the forehead.

I left their village Saturday afternoon and arrived in San Francisco Sunday morning ... I am anxiously looking forward to the time when I will again be allowed to visit these wonderful people and receive from them lessons that will entitle me to initiation into their temple... Peace be with you ...

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Alaskan Episode

" Some fifty miles down the coast from Nome there lived a man whom I knew very well. He was married to an Eskimo woman and had 3 children, a little girl of five, and two boys of 7 and 10 years. I have known them all from babyhood. Along about the 10th of June comes the spring break-up; great blocks of ice float as if in still water before the current starts taking them into the Arctic Ocean. The children lived on a bluff overlooking the sea, and while they were playing on the edge of the cliff they noticed several little people playing on the broken ice field, and who called them to 'come play.' The little people were diving from an ice-cake and having a lot of fun. The older boy ran to his father to get him to come and see, but when he did come the entities vanished, not even the children could see them while the father was there. But the two younger ones continued to see them until the father arrived. The children thought the little people were about three feet tall. Each of the children told the same story and I feel sure they were telling the truth.

I could tell of many similar instances, for the Eskimoes are very psychic,and also very honest. I have spent some twenty years among them, in the 'wilds of Alaska' and should know something of their ways and character. I would be glad to hear from other people who have had experience with similar happenings."

(Letter to RR Editor; Warren H. Merritt - "Rockhaven",
Sheridan, Montana.

Vegetarianism: Perhaps the most compelling plea for vegetarianism, at least to spiritualists, is that made by Mrs. G.Osborne Leonard, the great British medium. In her autobiography she has stated that once, in her astral body and accompanied by a Guide she visited slaughter yards. "In the very air around me was a most definite feeling of terrible fear, suffering, and blind resentment, even more tangible than the building and walls. My Guide told me it was this awful feeling that was to be deplored, not only because it was an indication of the sufferings of these wretched animals, but also because it affected the mental and spiritual atmosphere of the earth, and had a bad effect on human life and progress." As a result of this, Mrs Leonard became a vegetarian.

G. Bernard Shaw declared that "death is better than cannibalism" (the eating of one's fellow creatures): he visualized the appearance of herds of oxen and sheep and flocks of poultry at his funeral, "all wearing white scarves"in his honor ... the Greeks of classic antiquity, as John Buchan reminds us, used almost no meat. Pythagoras objected to it , as did Gautama Buddha, Asoka, Francis of Assisi --and a great number of other minds of the first order. (From article in LIGHT) -- The objections, in short, are not so much dietary and physiological, as they are of the kind described by Mrs. Leonard - abominations for which we who buy and eat the flesh of animals are definitely responsible.

Clairaudient Communi- cation. * *

All physical life is made manifest through and by an X-quantity known only as an electro-magnetic force. The nature of this force is perpetual and harmonious action in three ways: expansion, contraction, and endless rearrangement of electrons and molecules. Each and every change forms a new and different mould. This mould not only acts as a sort of cosmic womb, but is itself the thing that materializes into our three-dimensional state of consciousness. The strenght or weakness of the physical object depends on the amounts of electricity drawn into the magnetic field. If the mould starts to form with insufficient electric energy it may end in one of two ways - a perfect and complete physical materialization, but lacking life force or conscious awareness of itself, thereby causing what is known as still birth - or it may by intelligent design create only certain necessary parts of the body, so as to have enough life force to sustain it, thereby causing what we call born cripples. It may appear that I am talking only of man and animals, but the same course of action takes place in the creation of all things, the difference being only in shades and degrees of the creative thought force.

If we wish to get down to serious thinking on the problems of physical living, we find at least one thing we can be fairly sure of - that which we see here in action is in all probability neither the beginning nor the end, but merely a reaction to what is going on in some other plane of consciousness. We see merely a piece of that action. In this last statement you will find your greatest stumbling block in seeking for proof of life after death and all the phenomena that gowith it. But nothing is impossible to man, and it is within reason that he shall find some mechanical yard - stick enabling him to reach out into the abstract. Not that he will ever touch upon the field of absolute causation, but he will have the gratifying knowledge that he has found a new piece in the vast puzzle of life.

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"It is possible by mental processes to dissolve from the human body a great many things. It is possible by thought processes to stop the cycle of putrefaction in tissue which has been removed from anmial body. I can hang in my office any kind of tissue and project thoguht to it, and it will not deteriorate... Everything unfolds from within. If we take hurts, injuries, jealousies and nurse them, we will have a diseased condition which all the pills and vitamines in the world cannot cure. The medical profession has come to the conclusion that 90% of all disease exists in the mind be - fore externalizing in the bdoy. The disease does not jump out of the mind into the body, but emotional patterns will externalize in the body. By a renewing of the mind this process can be put into reverse." 'There are negative forces .. thought projection by a group, a community, is a true and effective force...it may operate for evil as well as for good.. You may not know about what we call black magic, the negative forces which operate a - mong the low class of our people. Some of us do..' (W.T.Bidwell,N.D., D.C.,address to the A.R.E. Congress, Virginia Beach, June, 1947). ***

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* This communication was not received under seance conditions or in trance, but while the medium, Mark P., was in normal consciousness and engaged in routine work. Communicator anonymous.

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## We Point With Pride -

There is no 'superstition more thoroughly 'discredited' than that of the hoop-snake - unless it be that of ball lightning. 'Discredited', that is, by and for gabby scientists who happen never to have seen either one, but not for competent observers who know better. RR disposed of the ball lightning controversy some months ago (to our satisfaction, anyhow), and we now take great pleasure in vindicating the despised hoopsnake also. Not, of course, that there is a special genus of that name - but some snakes sometimes stop snaking along and start rolling their own hoops; and here's the evidence! It comes to us from Mr. Walter X.Osborn, of Santa Cruz, Zambales, P.I., under date of Aug. 3 last.

Sta.Cruz, Zambales, P.I.
August 3, 1947.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

We the undersigned state that the following account of an incident concerning a snake, is true and accurate:

On July 30, 1947, we were travelling on the Acoje Road, from Lucapon to the Acoje mine. Mr. Gene Lieb was driving the car and all three of us were in the front seat.

The road is a mountain road with steep grades and short curves and the car was proceeding at a moderate speed. Our attention was suddenly called toa small snake that rolled across the road at a point about 50 feet in front of the car. The snake was about 1/2 inch in diameter and was quite dark in color. It formed itself into a vertical hoop or circle about eight inches in height and this hoop rolled across the road holding itself erect and the hoop itself was a complete circle. At the edge of the road it came in contact with grass and weeds and then uncurled itself and glided into the brush in the normal manner of any snake.

We all saw this clearly and there is not the slightest doubt but that the snake formed a ring or hoop in rolling across the road.

Signed) Gene Lieb

Frances Lieb

Walter X. Osborn - Witness.

A.J. Wood

"I might say" writes Mr. Osborn, "that I know these people very well and that they are reliable and did not make this up for a tale. Mr. Lieb has a very marked antipathy to snakes and knows very little about their habits. When he saw this he thought it was a perfectly natural occurrence and was much surprised when told that there was no such thing as a hoop snake... Naturalists definitely say that the whole thing is a myth... I would say in regard to this, that these three people do NOT claim that the snake had its tail in its mouth. Mr. Lieb is our transportation superintendent. "

Was it Doctor Johnson who said, "Ghosts? Fiddlesticks! Of course I don't believe in 'em, but I'm afraid of them all the same!" And Andrew Lang who remarked "What good is a fact if nobody believes in it?".. And we recall that the biologist Hans Driesch made some remark, about 'people who were with God when He created the world, and know exactly what He can do and can not - such people never die out."

Dr. Haley sees things - in the courts of Jamshyd.

"Encouraged by the boldness of Mr. John" (in the matter of the Mendocino County phenomena) Dr. Philip Haley also has a tale to tell, coming from the same region. "When I was a boy of about 5 years (he writes), I lived in the redwoods of Mendocino County. Many of the people there believed in a peculiar lizard, 12 to 16 inches in length, said to have the power of flying into fragments resembling small chips of wood ... this would occur when the reptile was attacked. After a few minutes, if everything seemed quiet, the pieces would seem to crawl, or rather, as I once witnessed it, slide toward each other and resume the form of the original "gozzard"- which, reassembled, would dart off to a more favorable location.

I had the opportunity of seeing the same thing happen to a snake also. This reptile was about 20 to 24 inches in length, of a tawny, yellow-brown color, and perhaps 3/4 inch in diameter. It was cut by someone into two pieces of about equal length, with a hoe. I watched it for some minutes, when the two pieces crawled slowly toward each other, joined, then made off into the nearby bushes.

These two stories seem incredible unless the theory (more likely fact) of a subtle body be invoked. The subtel body, or 'spirit' of the biological body draws the fragments together, as ectoplasm draws objects in the seance room. Perhaps Mr. Roger Graham's definitions of ether drift as an etheric gravitational field might here be invoked as an accessory factor to the etheric body.

There are many other often observed facts which scientists of the academic type taboo, but which can be explained in the light of psychic phenomena".

(Dr. Haley goes on to describe how he personally witnessed the excavation of a fully preserved, petrified, human form, of an adult man of average height. "The soft tissues had been transformed, in full contour, into mineral stone." This took place in the bed of Long Valley Creek in Western Nevada, 53 years ago. "I remember having helped to wash the sand from the stone body..")

"In later years I made inquiries at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of California in San Francisco. The Curator informed me that a human form would disintegrate before it could petrify... Later I heard that several such forms had been discovered in Colorado, but I do not have the details now. I simply record the facts here. I do not know how even the desert waters, heavily charged with mineral salts, could duplicate the human form before it could decompose. I only suggest the possibility of a psychic factor here. Is it too far-fetched to assume that the human subtle spirit may have stood guard for some time, until petrifaction had set in?

"There are times when animal forms resist decomposition to such a degree that one cannot see how bacterial invasion has been prevented. The preservation of remains of the saints, of frogs in rocks and mud, and other similar phenomena, lend support to the likelihood of a psychic factor being involved. I once buried a small dog about three feet under sand and rocks. His body was dug up by desert animal marauders on two occasions. Each time I reburied him, finding his body in a fresh state. His flesh had been nibbled a little, in one place, but it seemed that the marauders had left him after tasting the flesh. The little fellow had died from strychnine poisoning, which may explain why his body was not eaten, but does not explain his remarkable preservation. For me, the most reasonable explanation I can give is the same theory I have used above, the presence and care of the Guardian Spirit. " (Further confirmatory data, too late for inclusion here, will appear in next issue)

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The field of the naturalist, and of biology in general, is thick-strewn with inexplicable phenomena. The ordinary biologist, of course, confines himself to description of behaviour and environment, and does not consider that the deeper problems lie in his province. Yet it is these latter that possess the greater reality; all else is but the play of shadows projected by them.

Strange Vandalism — At Terryville, Conn., where 36 grave stones, "including a number of large monuments, were overturned and damaged ... some of them were very heavy ... some were broken in half while others were cracked through at the base. In some instances the stones, still fastened to their bases, were uprooted and turned over". The displaced stones were in all sections of the cemetary. (Clip dated July 1.Cr.Helen M.Monk

Bacon going up! — But it wasn't a joke to farmer E.E.Pittman (few miles south of St. Joseph, Mo.). "one of my hogs died," Pittman said, "and I took the carcass to a ditch near a draw. A day or two later another man and I went there and I noticed the hog was no longer in the ditch. I was looking at a wornout place where it had been dragged thru the weeds and the man with me said, 'There's you hog up there.' And there it was. That 150-pound hog was hanging in a tree crotch 15 feet above the ground. No human hands did that job. I'm not making any guesses on what did but something's loose around here." (St.Jos.Mo.AP Oct.15.SanDiego Tribune)

The "Accidents" of Nature - — What are the mathematical chances that any formation or 'accidental' product of Nature, should reproduce the heel and sole of a shoe perfect in every detail, including the minute perforations, properly spaced, of a double line of stitches, the bevelling of the 'leather' and rounding off of the edges? And if the fossil belonged to blue limestone of the Triassic (nevada), and hence was more than 10 million years old (according to geologists), what odds would you give, one way or the other?

This 'shoe' was found by a prospector, who gave it to a mining engineer named Reid, who took it to Professor of Geology James Kemp, and Paleontologist W.D. Matthew, and the New York Times gave a column to the story - quite a long time ago (1922), but that's not much! Look-it how old the shoe is! It can't be any younger than the Jurassic rock, because that's what it's made of; and it can't be a genuine fossil shoe, because the "evidence is overwhelming and conclusive" and "absolutely certain" that man did not exist that long ago - according to Professors Kemp and Matthews. He has been on earth only some 500,000 years, and in North America only about 30,000 years, and this Triassic formation might be even 300 million years old --which disposes of the real-shoe notion beyond argument. It wouldn't make any difference if it had the shoemakers name and street address stamped on it. 'No amount of evidence would convince us' declared Professors Matthews and Kemp - according to the Times.

"The shoe would fit nicely a boy of ten or twelve. Its edges are as smooth as if freshly cut. There is what seems to be a double line of stitches, one near the outside edge of the sole, the other about 1/3 in. inside the first. The 'leather' is thicker inside the inner welting and appears to be slightly bevelled...the symmetry is perfectly maintained..The perfect lines pursued by the welting and the appearanced of hundreds of minute holes thru which the sole was sewed to the shoe...make the object extraordinary. Under the glass the tiny holes appeared with such exact regularity that it set at naught the laws of probability to believe that it was anything but the handiwork of man... Cobblers who have seen it pronounce it the work of a master craftsman.

To this let us add, that the N.Y.Tribune of Sept. 1921, printed the discovery

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Note: To everyone kind enough to send us clips: It is important to see that the name of the publication, its date, the city and state all appear or are noted on the clipping - as well as your own name, for acknowledgment or perhaps further inquiries. ML

"of what is described as the imprint of a practically perfect Spanish shoe, with narrow toe, waist of the foot and heel being clearly defined" in the surface of an ancient lava flow on the west coast of Hawaii near the ancient City of Refuge Honaanau. 'The first Spaniards to to touch the islands were said to have come in 1575. But the City of Refuge was built in the 11th century, and there is nb evidence of any lava flow down Mauna Loa, which rises 14,000 ft. it, since that time. This at least puts the shoe-print back some 425 years before the "first" visit of the Spaniards - and how much further than this, no one can guess... If you can find cobbler's work in Triassic limestone, maybe peg heels in the coal measures and corset stays in the Cambrian ---

(But to the occultist, great civilizations flourished - and were destroyed by their own knowledge and folly - more than three million years ago. And the reader of Charles Fort will recall more than one evidence of this ancientness of our race. A bronze coin in a coal seam, and the mind is stunned by it; half the card-house of the geologists comes tumbling down - or would, if we knew to listen and to learn).

(Clips from the collection of Professor Charles J. Ryan)

Interpretation: In a recent issue Psychic Observer printed a photograph of an apported crucifix, which bore a skull and cross-bones near the foot of the shaft, and a rose on the back, at the intersection of the arms. The editor of P.O. asked for an interpretation. Not long after this, RR friend Fr. BFG wrote to us detailing a vision he had received about a year ago, in which a cross bearing skull and cross-bones appeared to him, during a meditation exercise. The cross was gold-colored and appeared against a violet screen; and on a second experiment the cross was seen as dancing. This symbolism seemed unusual and in-teresting, and RR editor made inquiry of Fr. FGH-- whose interpretation we present below:

'The Cross is the sign of Creation, of spirit penetrating and organizing matter (Maya). The violet background is the deep religious feeling of Fr.BFG. The Golden Cross in this case, then, means that the mental-spiritual religion of the Orders of Initiates is operating on higher levels of creation. In the vision of BFG the skull and cross-bones occupied the place of Jesus at the intersection of the arms. This is a warning that our old Orders are about to expire, to be reborn in the one great Order of the Brotherhood. The dancing of the cross signifies the impatience of his Helper to get done with this foolishness of the Orders. The real purpose of all occult study is straighter and more rapid growth. One has to become a being of higher quality. Knowledge is incidental and has to become wisdom, which needs neither props nor trappings.

'The apported cross belonged to a now rather obscure Order of Protestant brethren in Europe. It is rare but not too uncommon. I remember seeing them in my youth. It probably was salvaged by a spirit out of some ruin, probably in Germany. It signifies that death always stands at the foot of life. That every day should be utilized as if it were next to the last one here. It teaches also humility, as death is the great leveller. The Rose on the back signifies the divine Love, at the center of all creation.

We appreciate the goodwill and services of Fr. FGH. Where specific occult problems arise which have some general interest and importance, or where problems though personal are important and difficult, we will, if requested, refer them to this Fr. for any comment he may desire to make. We ask the best judgment and moderation of our readers in sending us these requests.

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CHIMES : Published monthly by Bert L. Welch; Box 157, Brea, Calif. $1.00 per year. Illustrations, book service. (Nov. issue has fine reproduction in balck-and white of a remarkable trance painting by Josef Rulof).

Sono Paganini: Genoa, June 16, AP. A number of serious believers swore before a notary public that the voice of Nicolo Paganini, known as the world's greatest violinist, who died in 1840, spoke out today in the maing of a moving picture concerning his life." The violinist played the opening notes of Paganini's Le Streghe (The Witches) when the hall echoed with a voice crying "Sono Paganini". As the last note died away the voice again sounded. "Bravo! Bravo! Ah, le mie streghe!? Search failed to reveal anyone who could have been guilty of a hoax . Whether the voice was registered on the sound track had not been ascertained at the time the dispatch was sent.

Los Angeles Times, June 16. Clip from Professor Chas. J. Ryan.

Strange if true. New York, Oct. 16. AP. A farmer near Kearney, Nebraska, had 200 live white chickens before a tornado, but 200 dead black chickens afterward, says the Red Cross Courier. Red Cross workers have checked the story ... no one has been able to discover where the black chickens came from, nor have the white chickens or their remains been located, the Courier says.

San Diego Tribune 10-16-47

Still not satisfied Journal of Parapsychology for September carries "A Review of the Evidence for Dowsing," running to 16 pages. This is the most competent conspectus of the whole subject we have yet seen, but the "conclusions" might have been guessed at almost verbatim without reading the article at all. "The cases ... are impressive and leave one with the feeling that this field is undoubtedly a legitimate one for parapsychology... The vast collection of cases strongly suggests that some persons have the ability to locate hidden objects, particularly underground water, by extrasensory means." We must have "rigorous scientific tests" - "a beginning has been made" and there is great hope of (some day) "settling the problem with finality."

There is a curious delusion to the effect that 'scientific method' is always in the very forefront of progress, leading the way for an ignorant and slow-witted world. The truth is, of course, that many facts and laws are recognized as genuine and useful for decades, centuries and millenia before 'science' condescends to take slightest note of them. Not only dowsing, but the whole vast congeries of psychic and 'occult' phenomena has to be crammed down the throats of most scientists before they will concede its bare existance. -- We're all for 'scientific method', of course, in its time and place - but not when it merits (as well as invites) the ridicule and impatient contempt --

Dot the i's and cross the t's - The Report of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training, hailed as a "historic document" , and issued June 1 of this year, has made no apparent impression on the public - perhaps because so many voices are crying "wolf!" The Commission, headed by Dr. Karl J. Compton, and including the presidents of Princeton, Georgetown, the General Electric Company, and five other distinguished civilians, made a blistering attack on our present weakness, gave the country "four to ten years immunity" from "atomic sneak attack", recommended "immediate adoption by Congress of compulsory training for all 18-year-old males." We must have sufficient power 'to capture any strategic point anywhere in the world.'

The personnel of this Commission commands respect - and presumably the words immediate, compulsory, all, must, and capture any point, anywhere, still have their familiar dictionary meanings.... Nations seem to move, very often, not by the will of their rulers or their people, but as if by an inner and blind compulsion, as lemmings plunge into the sea and warrior-ants into fire ... The Greeks laid such madness at the door of the Gods! Whom shall we accuse - Ares the Avenger, or Eris, or Nemesis, Daughter of the Night? The burden impossible to be borne is, that we should accuse ourselves.

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ZONES OF SAFETY: In RR III-3, Mar. 1947, and also in RR II-12, Dec. 1946, appeared statements over the signature or initials of Fr. F.G.H. describing zones of comparitive safety during the world conflcit which he and many others believe to be approaching. They were specified as follows: In the East: Northern tip of Maine; most of Nova Scotia; coast between Cape Hatteras and Florida. (The Detroit-Boston-Washington triangle will be destroyed). Central Section: The Dakotas, most of Montana, western Wyoming and Colorado; the agricultural sections of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and the Big Bend country; southern strips of Arizona and New Mexico. In the West: Northern Calif.,southern Ore., Utah, Dixie, and east-central strip of Arizona between Globe and Holbrook.

The situation with regard to such 'zones' will necessarily change somewhat, in accord with military and economic developments, and Fr. FGH now makes the following important addendum: "The situation on zones of comparitive safety has changed in that the northern border sections are now out of the picture, as they have been studded with large long-range bombardment airdromes. The best bet is still the less densely settled southeast, along the Mexican border except the El Paso district, and the middle west coast; also the sections more central named before." *

*(Note: We hope to clear up any possible ambiguity in this last statement by inquiry of Fr. FGH, for restatement in the next issue of RR).

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A RR reader is anxious that we publish the forecasts made by Maud Lord Drake, who twice predicted the Galveston disaster, and was remarkably accurate in other instances also. We hope to include this in our next issue.

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We acknowledge with thanks, five very interesting photographs from Dr. Philip Haley, showing ectoplasmic extrusions and the formation of an ectoplasmic lever or rod after the manner described and photographed by Crawford. We regret we cannot reproduce them for the benefit of our readers.

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